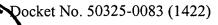
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DISTRIBUTING AND UPDATING PRIVATE KEYS OF MULTICAST GROUP MANAGERS

USING DIRECTORY REPLICATION

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This submission that accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 22, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until May 22, 2005.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Specification Amendments. There are no Drawings Amendments.

Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.
- Remarks begin at page 14.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.